

got *Swaraj* or Dominion Status, that he is working for, what would be the result? Is it consistent to agitate for Dominion Status and self-Government outside the Council when he goes on running down the people of this country for being communal, unreliable, stomach-loving and in fact altogether worthless? I am not a Swarajist. But I do say that our people are not so bad as my Hon'ble friend for Trichur wants to make them out. If the educated people of Cochin can be put down as rogues, what about the uneducated, less educated, less advanced people of India? I am sure, if the Hon'ble Member for Trichur had thought about the implications of his words, he would never have uttered them. My opposition to the Bill is not based on such baseless grounds; nor would I presume to abuse the whole nation and the whole community on flimsy grounds like that. My objection is based on other matters. The Jury system, with all its great merits, stands to-day the result of generations of achievements. As my Hon'ble Member for Trichur stated, in the Latin countries it is more or less admitted that the Jury system is a failure, and perhaps he has hit at the proper reason too. The people of those countries are far more emotional than those of the Anglo-Saxon countries. In England the Jury system has been working for centuries and centuries. Even there it is not all that is to be desired. In India, especially in Cochin, I think that, if this system is introduced, the very smallness of our State, the very want of extent of this country may defeat the ends aimed at. There is also almost entire lack of public education on the matter. Before we introduce the Jury system at all, there should be a period of publicity, a period of education, among the general public, so that the public may understand what it is and may effectually co-operate. I don't think our country is quite ripe for it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is working well in Madras, Bombay and Calcutta.

Question proposed: *That the Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure be read in Council.*

Question put and negatived.

9. Cochin Transfer of Property Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I move that the Cochin Transfer of Property Bill be read in Council.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I beg to second it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In the absence of a proper enactment Cochin courts are applying the principles of the Transfer of Property Act in administering justice. The Administration Reports show the Darbar was feeling the necessity of legislation on the subject. My Bill is an adaptation of the British

Act. By the end of 1929 the Government of India had introduced a series of amendments of the act, copies of which had not been available at the time I gave notice of this Bill. It will be necessary to incorporate those amendments also. The Bill has to go to a Select Committee for this purpose.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Does the Government feel the necessity for a Bill like that?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—We don't oppose.

Deputy President.—The question before the House is that the Cochin Transfer of Property Bill be read in Council.

Question put and agreed to.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Transfer of Property Bill".

Deputy President.—A Select Committee, I believe, is necessary.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of

Messrs. A. B. Salem,
M. K. Raman,
V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar,
A. K. Kunhi Moideen,
A. Eachara Menon and
C. V. Kuriyan.

Deputy President.—The mover and the Government Advocate will be the other Members.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I second it.

Question proposed: *That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.*

Question put and agreed to.

Deputy President.—The report to be submitted in six months.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Who will be the President?

Deputy President.—The Government Advocate.

10. Cutchi Memon's Succession Bill.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I beg to move that the Cutchi Memon's Succession Bill be read in Council.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—In my objects and reasons I have made out a case for a legislation for the Cutchi Memons. They have been for a long time desiring that there should be a legislation with regard to inheritance and succession, and they want succession and inheritance in conformity with the Mohemadan Law. But the one difficulty they find is in the way of